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LEHI'S SENIOR CENTER OFFERS FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS

Simple Legal Services Provided by Law Student from BYU

Lehi, Utah | October 21, 2013 – A student from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School has found a way to get practical experience while providing free services to seniors at Lehi's Senior Center. Nick Rammell, a law student participating in the Elder Law Seminar, will provide advice, referrals and simple services such as preparing and executing Wills, Power of Attorney documents, quick claim deeds and medical directives.

According to Jan Jonsson-Kirkham, Lehi Senior Services Manager, the services have been very helpful. "Free is good," Jonsson-Kirkham said. "Preparing a simple will can cost as much as \$600, but our seniors can have it prepared and notarized for free. It has been very beneficial to those who otherwise would not be able to afford it."

Rammell volunteers at the Senior Center on Wednesdays between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. from September to the end of November. Students in the Elder Law Seminar are unauthorized to give legal advice on the spot. Instead, they collect information from the seniors and take it back to class for discussion. Law professor Susan Griffith, a licensed attorney, reviews the information and counsels the students on how to proceed. Final documents are filed with Utah Legal Services.



Lehi Senior Citizen Center.

The Senior Center, located in the Lehi Legacy Center, has been coordinating with BYU law students to provide this service for over 10 years. All services provided are free. Seniors interested in a will should meet with students early because of the time necessary for preparation.

For information on this and other services provided by the Senior Center, call (801) 768-7165.

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